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GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

THE following Particulars of Sale of
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Works Department, on MONDAY,
the 25th day of FEBRUARY, 1903, at 3 p.m.,
are published for general information.
By Command,
J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 20th January, 1903.

Particulars of the Letting by Public Auction, to be held on MONDAY, the 5th day of FEBRUARY, 1903, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of Crown Land, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 21 Years.

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By Order of the Board,
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Hongkong, 27th January, 1903. [375]

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TELEGRAMS VIA AUSTRALIA.

GENERAL BULLER'S FORCE.

London, 30th December.
Since his reverse at the Tugela River on the 15th December, General Sir Redvers Buller has received reinforcements to the number of 8,000 men, and his artillery has been strengthened by the addition of eighteen guns.

ARTILLERY REINFORCEMENTS.

London, 30th December.
The 19th and 23rd batteries of Royal Field Artillery have arrived at Capetown from England, and at once started for Durban, the port of Natal.

CLERICAL OPINIONS.

London, 31st December.
A special application service in connection with the war in South Africa was held in St. Paul's Cathedral yesterday. Dr. Mandell Creighton, Bishop of London, presided on the occasion, and in the course of his sermon he said that "It was not good for us to suppose that we could always succeed on our own terms and in our own way."

With regard to the recent outcry in England for the setting apart of a special day of humiliation and prayer in connection with the British reverses in South Africa, the Rev. Hugh Price Hughes, the distinguished Wesleyan preacher, and ex-president of the Wesleyan Conference, states that, instead of a day of humiliation, he is in favour of a day of thanksgiving for the readiness that Britons have shown to surrender even life itself in order to insure freedom and justice for their kinsmen in South Africa.

The Rev. Mr. Greenough, ex-chairman of the Baptist Union, has made an emphatic protest against the action of the "peace at any price" party, among whom he specially mentions Mr. W. T. Stead and Mr. Silas Hocking.

THE QUEEN'S FELICITATIONS.

London, 29th December.
Her Majesty the Queen sent a message of felicitation at Christmas time to the soldiers in South Africa, and the message is said to have delighted the troops.

ANOTHER EMINENT SURGEON FOR SOUTH AFRICA.

London, 29th December.
It is announced that Sir William Stokes, the eminent surgeon (who is Surgeon in Ordinary to her Majesty the Queen in Ireland) will proceed to South Africa as consulting surgeon to the British army.

MILITARY MOVEMENTS GREATLY HAMPERED.

London, 1st January.
The great delay that has taken place in furnishing the necessary transport equipments for the British army in South Africa is seriously hampering the mobility both of General Buller's forces in Natal and General Methuen's force on the Modder River. It is stated that a sufficient number of waggons and mules to furnish the first Army Corps with two days' supplies from its base will only be ready by the middle of January; while the necessary transport equipment for the second fighting line, sufficient to furnish an army corps with supplies for three days, has not been provided for at all, unless it can be obtained locally.

It is feared that there will be great difficulty in providing transport equipment for the later army divisions that are being sent to South Africa and for Volunteer forces.

The British Government have declined to purchase waggons for transport service in the United States, as it is feared that international objections might be raised. The necessary waggons will, therefore, have to be made in Great Britain, but the leading newspapers urge that in order to expedite matters contracts for the construction of waggons should be let in the various British colonies.

GIFTS FOR THE VOLUNTEER CORPS.

London, 1st January.
A generous donor, who wishes to remain anonymous, has made a gift of a complete field hospital to the London Volunteers who are about to proceed to South Africa.

Colonel Allen, of the 4th battalion, West Yorkshire Regiment, and Colonel Watiss, of the 1st battalion, Northumberland Fusiliers, have each presented a splendid battery of artillery to the Volunteers.

PRESIDENT STEYN AND HIS BROTHER.

London, 1st January.
News has been received that Mr. Matt Steyn, brother of President Steyn, of the Orange Free State, together with 800 burghers, has quitted the Free State command with which he was engaged. It is stated that he told the President that he (President Steyn) was authorised to intervene in the dispute between the Transvaal and Great Britain exclusively in the interests of peace and not to engage in war. Mr. Matt Steyn has repudiated his brother's action in taking part in the war against Great Britain, and has urged the danger of the confiscation of the property of the Free State burghers in the event of the British being victorious.

TRANSVAAL TAXATION.

London, 31st December.
In order to contribute towards the expense of the war against Great Britain, the Transvaal Government have imposed a tax of 30 per cent. on the output of private gold mines and also on what would have been the probable output of those mines which have suspended working.

AN OFFER DECLINED.

London, 31st December.
Sir James Stewar, formerly Commissioner of Crown Lands and Public Works in Cape Colony, made an offer to President Kruger to equip an ambulance corps for the Boer forces. Mr. Kruger, however, without expressing any thanks for the offer, declined to accept it, explaining that he did not accept gifts from an enemy.

BRITISH SIEGE TRAIN SENT TO THE FRONT.

London, 1st January.
The last portion of the siege train of heavy artillery, which was prepared at Woolwich and shipped from England early last month by the steamer "Tantallon" for South Africa, has now left Capetown for the front.

A GALLANT STAND.

London, 2nd January.
Additional details of the reconnaissance of General Gatacre's cavalry to the north of Dordrecht show that during the affair forty men of the force known as Montmorency's Scouts were intercepted by the enemy and took refuge in a donga. Here they made a most determined stand, and successfully resisted the repeated attacks made upon them by a body of 800 Boers. They held their position until the morning, when a British force of 115 mounted men, with four guns, appeared on the scene, and the Boers retreated.

The scouts had only two men wounded, but all their horses were shot. The Boers engaged in the attack had eight men killed and thirty wounded.

EUROPEAN OFFICERS FOR THE TRANSVAAL.

London, 1st January.
It is reported that numbers of European officers continue to arrive at Delagoa Bay each week for service with the Boer forces, proceeding to Pretoria.

PORTUGUESE CORRUPTION.

London, 1st January.
News is to hand that six large Armstrong guns and sixteen ammunition carts were lately received at Pretoria, via Delagoa Bay, having been admitted by the Portuguese authorities as agricultural implements. In connection with this matter complaints are being made that corruption exists among the officials in Portuguese South Africa.

QUEENSLAND AND CANADIAN TROOPS ENGAGED.

London, 2nd January.
Information is to hand that a sharp skirmish with the Boers, in which the Queensland Mounted Infantry and the Victorian Rifles (?) were hotly engaged, took place yesterday at Sunnyside, a place twenty miles north-west of Belmont.

London, 3rd January.
Further particulars have now been received of the engagement at Sunnyside, in which the Queensland and Canadian contingents fought with great gallantry and success. It appears that the enemy occupied a position on a number of kopjes ranging from north to south. Leaving the natives in the camp under a guard to prevent them divulging any information to the Boers, Lieutenant-Colonel Pilcher, with 200 men of the Queensland Mounted Infantry, under Major P. R. Ricardo, and 100 Canadian troops, with two guns, a light battery, and forty mounted men, together with an ambulance corps, under Captain J. E. Dods, of the Queensland contingent, marched to within four miles of the kopjes occupied by the enemy. The Canadian guns were ordered to attack a Boer laager situated at the foot of the northern spur of the range, while Lieutenant Colonel Pilcher, with the Queensland troops, worked splendidly round to the left, taking advantage of every bit of cover. The Boers were apparently

taken by surprise, and the first intimation they received of the presence of the British-Colonial force was from two shells fired by the Canadians from a range of 1,500 yards, which were so well directed that they landed among the tents of the Boer laager. The Boers hurriedly ascended to the higher ground, and lined the kopjes, from which they poured hot volleys of rifle fire. Their fire, however, soon subsided, as the Canadian guns, now firing from a range of 1,000 yards, shelled the enemy's position with wonderful accuracy.

Major Ricardo, with Captain Chauvel's company of the Queens and troops, then delivered a front attack on the Boer laager, completely demoralising and routing the enemy.

Besides the loss of the Boers in killed and wounded, forty prisoners were captured by the colonial troops.

Lieutenant Adie, of the Queensland contingent, while out patrolling previous to the attack, was severely wounded.

THE IMPERIAL YEOMANRY.

London, 3rd January.
A sum of £40,000 has been subscribed at Newcastle-on-Tyne and in the county of Durham towards the equipment of the Imperial Yeomanry force for South Africa.

Sir Christopher Farness, M.P., the well-known shipowner, of Hartlepool, the Earl of Durham, and Earl Grey (late Administrator of the British South Africa Company's territories) have offered to provide steamers for the transport of the Imperial Yeomanry to South Africa, and also for the artillery which is being provided by Armstrong, Whitworth, and Co.'s ordnance works at Elswick.

HORSES FROM INDIA.

London, 2nd January.
Nearly every one of the rulers of the Native States in India have now made offers to the Imperial Government to furnish horses for the use of the army in South Africa.

SEIZURE OF ANOTHER GERMAN STEAMER.

London, 3rd January.
News has been received that the German steamer "Hans Wagner," from Hamburg, has been seized by a British cruiser at Delagoa Bay, on the ground that she was carrying contraband of war.

EUROPEAN ADVENTURERS AT DELAGOA BAY.

London, 2nd January.
It is reported that a number of European military adventurers are entering Delagoa Bay under the guise of being connected with the Red Cross Society.

BOER SPIES VOLUNTEERING IN ENGLAND.

London, 3rd January.
It is reported that twenty-five English-speaking foreigners, who are supposed to have been spies in the pay of Dr. Leyds, the Transvaal agent in Europe, endeavoured to obtain enrolment in the Yeomanry force, which Lord Chesham is organising in England for service in South Africa. They were, however, unable to prove that they were naturalised British subjects, and were at once turned away.

ENTHUSIASM IN CANADA.

London, 3rd January.
The news of the successful engagement between the Canadian and Queensland troops and the Boers at Sunnyside has been received in Canada with unbounded enthusiasm.

Major Borden, a son of the Hon. F. W. Borden, Canadian Minister of Militia and Defence, has resigned his commission in the Hussars in order to serve as a lieutenant in the Canadian Mounted Infantry, and many other officers have offered to serve in the ranks.

ARMSTRONG GUNS FOR THE NEW ZEALAND CONTINGENT.

London, 3rd January.
The field battery presented by the Elswick Works to the New Zealand contingent will be despatched to South Africa in about three weeks.

MILITARY SPORTS AT MODDER RIVER.

London, 3rd January.
The British troops in the Modder River encampment held a gymkhana meeting yesterday in honour of New Year's Day, notwithstanding that the camp was being bombarded by the Boers.

THE BRITISH FIELD ARTILLERY.

London, 3rd January.
With regard to the complaints that have been made of the inefficiency of the British artillery in South Africa as compared with the superior guns of the enemy, Field Marshal Lord Wolseley, Commander-in-Chief, declares that the British field guns are equal to those of any Power in Europe, but the Boers are using large "guns of position," and not field artillery.

SUNNYSIDE ENGAGEMENT.

London, 4th January.
Further details of the engagement at Sunnyside state that the companies of the Boer laager, which was the principal point of the attack by the Queensland and Canadian troops, were mostly colonial Dutch, who had joined the Boers.

During the advance towards the enemy's position, four of the Queenslanders, who were patrolling under Lieutenant Adie, were suddenly confronted by fourteen Boers, who at once opened fire, and wounded Lieutenant Adie at the first volley. Private W. M. Butler then gave Lieutenant Adie his horse. Private A. Rose, whose horse had been startled by the enemy's fire and bolted, returned immediately to give assistance, and received a bullet wound in the calf of his leg.

When the general advance was made by Colonel Pilcher, the officer in command of the detachment, the enemy's fire, though well sustained, was found to be quite ineffectual. By 2 o'clock the company of Queensland Mounted Infantry, under a captain P. W. G. Pinnock, had worked completely round the enemy's left, and the Boer fire then ceased. The white flag was raised, and thirty-five of the enemy surrendered to Captain H. G. Chauvel. The bulk of the enemy, however, fled, and their position was taken.

The Queensland troops behaved magnificently throughout the engagement, the men chatting and laughing while under fire. Lieutenant C. H. Anderson-Pelham, with the Queensland machine gun, did excellent work during the day.

ENTRY INTO DOUGLAS.

London, 4th January.
On Tuesday the British-Colonial force made its entry into Douglas (a town some distance north-west of the scene of the engagement), Major P. R. Ricardo and his Queensland troops leading.

The inhabitants of Douglas were in a perfect frenzy of delight when the troops marched in, and insisted on shaking hands with the soldiers, their enthusiasm being greatly increased when they learned that their deliverers were Australians and Canadians, as well as Imperial troops.

There were no Victorian troops engaged in the affair, as was at first stated.

THE BOER CASUALTIES.

London, 4th January.
In the engagement at Sunnyside six Boers were killed and twelve wounded.

It is stated that various incriminating documents were found in the Boer laager after its capture by the colonial troops.

MILITARY OPINIONS.

London, 4th January.
The military authorities express themselves as being delighted at the fact of colonial troops having struck the first blow against the enemy, since General Methuen's recent reverse at Magersfontein.

GENERAL METHUEN'S OPERATIONS.

London, 4th January.
In connection with the engagement at Sunnyside, a body of cavalry sent out by General Methuen from his encampment at the Modder River operated to the northward of Colonel Pilcher's advance, and thus prevented the Boers receiving reinforcements. The cavalry are also endeavouring to intercept the fugitives, who have fled from Douglas.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN'S CONGRATULATIONS.

London, 4th January.
The Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, Secretary of State for the Colonies, has sent a message to the Governor-General of Canada, congratulating the Dominion on the gallant behaviour of the Canadian troops in the engagement at Sunnyside.

Mr. Chamberlain has sent a similar message to the Lieutenant-Governor of Queensland.

SCOTCH GILLIES FOR THE FRONT.

London, 3rd January.
It is announced that Lord Lovat is taking to Cape Colony 150 Highland gillies and deerstalkers. These men will all be good shots, and will take their ponies with them.

SEIZURE OF AMERICAN GOODS.

London, 3rd January.
Mr. Joseph Choate, American Ambassador in London, has been instructed by his Government to demand compensation in connection with the recent seizure by the British authorities of a quantity of flour and other goods on board the American ships Beatrice, Mashona, and Maria at Delagoa Bay.

SENSATIONAL INCIDENT AT RENSBURG.

London, 3rd January.
It is reported that after the recent occupation of Rensburg by General Fredrich's force a train consisting of several trucks laden with food supplies but without any engine attached, was standing on the railway line, and a traitor in the camp succeeded in starting the trucks down an incline towards the Boer lines. When the affair was discovered it was impossible to check the train, and the British guns then opened fire and destroyed the trucks in order to prevent the supplies falling into the hands of the Boers.

PUNISHMENT OF REBELS.

London, 4th January.
The special correspondent of the Times with General Methuen's force at the Modder River, referring to the engagement at Sunnyside, where the enemy consisted principally of colonial Dutch, expresses the opinion that the prisoners captured ought to be treated as rebels, and punished accordingly, and an example thus made which would probably influence other disloyal colonists.

MEDICAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY IN CHINA.

MINUTES OF THE SIXTY-FIRST ANNUAL MEETING.

The sixty-first annual meeting of this society was held in Canton at the house of Messrs. Shewan Tomes and Co., on the 20th of January, 1900.

There were present: H. T. Smith, Esq., U.S. Consul, in the chair; Revs. O. F. Wisner, H. J. Stevens, E. Dawston, C. Bone, A. Battie, S. G. Tops, C. A. Gaff, M. R. Alexander, E. B. Ward, W. Bridie, C. A. Nelson, G. W. Greene, W. W. Clayton, T. McCloy, M.D., Drs. J. M. Swan, W. H. Dobson, H. W. Boyd, C. E. Reed, Mary H. Fulton, Rntli Thomson, C. C. Selden, and E. Wyon, Esq.

Rev. C. A. Nelson opened the meeting with prayer, after which the notice calling the meeting was read by the secretary.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were presented in the printed report and adopted.

A communication was read by the secretary from Dr. J. G. Kerr, in which his resignation from the Presidency of the Society was presented.

The Treasurer's account and the Hospital accounts were then presented and approved, of which the appended abstracts were read.

Special thanks are due to Mr. E. M. Smith, Jr., and Mr. J. H. Doherty who, in the absence of Mr. Hancock, have made a most thorough audit of the Hospital and Treasurer's accounts.

Abstract of Treasurer's Account.

Receipts.	
Jan. 1st, 1899. Balance forward...	\$1,339.78
Dec. 31st " Subscriptions per list	2,105.50
" " " Whampoa Bethel fund	400.00
" " " Zoroastrian Charity fund	100.00
" " " Miscellaneous	253.84
" " " Bank interest	29.70
	4,278.82

Expenditures.

Jan. to December. Paid Chairman	
Managing Committee orders \$17 to \$23	\$2,700.00
Loss of weight in silver	4.01
Balance cash to or. M. M. Society	1,574.81
	\$4,278.82

Abstract of Hospital Account.

Receipts.	
Jan. 1st, 1899. Cash on hand	\$ 250.20
Dec. 31st " Net hospital receipts	4,280.25
" " " Cash from treasurer	2,600.00
	\$7,130.45

Expenditures.

Dec. 31st, 1899. Net current expenditures.	
Dec. 31st, 1899. Fire proof verandah	\$5,747.61
Dec. 31st, 1899. Medical library	570.00
Dec. 31st, 1899. Cement walks, bath-rooms, &c.	197.81
Dec. 31st, 1899. Cash on hand	319.00
Dec. 31st, 1899. Cash on hand	375.12
	\$7,110.45

The Annual Report of the Hospital was then presented and the following abstract read:

ABSTRACT OF THE HOSPITAL REPORT.

In submitting the report of the Hospital for the past year, it is with feelings of gratitude that we can record not only an uninterrupted year of work but an increase and extension along some lines. We have had the largest attendance of in-patients yet on record, and owing to the increased grants made by the Society, the sanitary condition and general welfare of the patients have been distinctly improved.

In addition to the usual colorwashing of the wards, the main building in the men's department, consisting of eight general wards with a capacity of one hundred and twenty eight beds, was thoroughly repaired and painted. Considerable repairs and painting on other buildings were required, necessitating a somewhat increased expenditure in this line.

Changes in the working force of the Hospital have occurred during the year. In January Dr. J. G. Kerr, who so long and so faithfully served the Society, retired from the Hospital work. In September the Hospital was fortunate enough to secure the timely services of Dr. Charles E. Reed, who for three years had been resident physician at Kiangnan, two hundred miles north of Canton. Dr. Nye Sik-pang, our native house-surgeon, left the latter part of the year to take up a position as physician to a mining company in Kwangsi. Dr. Ho, a former student, is filling the position with ability.

For some time past the Hospital has been in need of an X-ray apparatus. During the year some Chinese friends have generously subscribed a sum of \$750 for the purchase of the latest and best static machine and X-ray outfit, so that this much needed apparatus will soon be available for use.

During the year there have been as in-patients, Koreans, Japanese, Parsees, Indians, as well as many Chinese from the more distant provinces.

The following is a summary of statistics of Medical work:

	Out-patients.	In-patients.	Surg. operation.
Men	18,980	1,335	1,124
Women	6,460	425	760

Total 25,340 1,760 1,884

On motion, the report of the Hospital was accepted and the usual number ordered to be printed in English and Chinese.

The Managing Committee's report was then presented as follows:

REPORT OF THE MANAGING COMMITTEE.

Your Committee beg leave to report that the work of the Hospital has been continued without interruption during the past year. The summary of the Hospital statistics shows a considerable increase of both in-patients and out-patients, and are pleased also to report an increase in the receipts at the Hospital.

The repairs and improvements authorized have been carried out. The new verandah connecting the second floor of five main buildings of the Hospital with the operating room has been substantially constructed at a cost under the original estimate, and has proved a great convenience. In connection with the estimates for the ensuing year we would specially recommend the item for repairs and renovation of one of the main hospital buildings. The condition of the verandah and upper floor of the building renders this work necessary. Larger and better kitchen accommodations are urgently needed and the estimate given for useful repairs includes this item.

During the year a request was forwarded to the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions in New York for the appointment of another physician to the Hospital. Pending a definite reply the opportunity occurred to secure the services of Dr. Charles E. Reed, who has rendered efficient service at the Hospital since September 1st. At the Committee meeting held October 6th, the following action was taken:

"In connection with the acquisition of a second male physician for the Hospital, the Managing Committee cordially invite Dr. C. E. Reed to temporarily accept the position of junior surgeon of the Hospital, provided such a step meets with his sympathy and with the approval of the Canton synod of the Presbyterian Mission. Should this invitation be accepted, the Committee will forthwith urge the Board of the Presbyterian Mission to recognize Dr. Reed as a permanent addition to the medical staff of the Hospital."

The approval of the Presbyterian Mission was given and your Committee have recently received official notice from the Presbyterian Board that Dr. Reed's appointment is made permanent.

In accordance with your recommendation, your Committee examined into the condition of certain parties who were formerly squatters on the hospital premises. We found that the